



## CALLING ALL ADVOCATES ~ September 2016

What's happening in the disability community in New Mexico

Unite in support of the **DDPC** goals of Advocacy, Capacity Building and Systems Change

The **Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)** is a group of individuals including self-advocates, family members, professionals, employees and dedicated individuals uniting for one mission. Our mission is that the **New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council** will promote advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change to improve the quality of life for New Mexicans with developmental disabilities and their families. For more in-depth information on the **DDPC**, take a look at [our council's five goals](#).

### Recent DDPC COUNCIL News

The Council is seeking members from **outside the Albuquerque metro area**. All applications need to go through the Governor's website: <http://www.governor.state.nm.us/>. On the website there is a drop-down box "Governor's Office" where you can choose "Boards and Commissions" and click on the line for "Apply for a Board Position." In the application, you can apply for the Council.

**Guardianship Program Update:** If you would like to request a **presentation on guardianship**, contact Maria Bourassa, Guardianship Program Manager at 505-841-4524 or [maria.bourassa@state.nm.us](mailto:maria.bourassa@state.nm.us). If you want more information on the Guardianship Program, go to presentations at the **Transitions conference in Las Cruces** on September 22 at the Las Cruces Convention Center and in **Farmington** on September 29 at San Juan College. The Guardianship Program welcomed a new Compliance Officer, David Gonzales. He comes with a wealth of experience and will be a great asset to the Guardianship Program.

**Federal Program Update:** The DDPC team of John Block, Barbara

Ibanez, Ana CallahanSegura, Daniel Ekman and Council Program Committee Chair, Kathleen Hardy completed and submitted the **Federal Five Year Plan** approved by the Council. The plan includes the Five Year Goals based on survey results, demographic information on New Mexico, an analysis of the issues facing New Mexicans with disabilities, a logic model, an evaluation plan, a budget and work plans for both 2017 and 2018. The plan will guide the work of DDPC contractors and DDPC staff during 2017-2021.

**Center for Self Advocacy Update:** The **Fall Class** is full, and this year's theme is "Citizenship" and the advocates choose current issues for their projects which include the SSI marriage penalty, restraint and seclusion, human trafficking, emotional and community supports, and transportation. The classes have had a high level of excitement and participation.

- On August 21-24, Cynthia Berkheimer and Lindsay Sloan, CSA Advocate Trainers, went to Phoenix, Arizona as a part of the Southwest Alliance on Technical Assistance meeting. The team collaborated with advocates from Arizona and Colorado on various ways to strengthen the self-advocacy movement and create systems change in numerous areas. They will continue their work on this project with webinars and phone calls with participants from the other states.

CSA welcomes our new Outreach Coordinator, **Suzanne Kryder**. She comes to us with years of consulting experience as a small-business owner. She worked with executives on coaching and effective communication for years. She has done a radio show called Peace Talks Radio since 2003, which is currently syndicated on 40 different stations including KUNM-FM. She also has a Ph.D in Health Education. She has great communication skills, experience with outreach and a wide array of facilitation and organization skills. She is a great addition to the CSA team.

- The CSA team will be conducting presentations on peer mentoring at the Transitions conferences in Las Cruces (September 22) and Farmington (September 29).

**September Events** Contact 505-670-5698 to include your upcoming events



**September 7**  
*NMABA Journal Reading Group: Cultural Awareness in  
Behavior Analysis*  
**6 pm**  
**Center for Development and Disability**



Parents Reaching Out

**September 7**  
*Challenging Behaviors in School Setting*  
**10-12 pm**  
**Parents Reaching Out**  
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**September 8**  
*Recipes for IEP Success*  
*MECA Therapies*  
**Hobbs**  
**5:30-8:30 pm**  
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**September 8**  
*Recipes for IEP Success*  
**Kid Power Therapy**  
**Albuquerque**  
**5:30-7:30 pm**  
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**September 9**  
*Advocacy and the IEP Process*  
**MECA Therapies**  
**Hobbs**  
**9:00-3:00 pm**  
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**September 9**  
*Telling Your Story*  
**Parents Reaching Out**  
**10:00-12:00 pm**  
Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**Septiembre 13**

*Grupo de Apoyo (En Espanol)*

**Parents Reaching Out**

**10:00-12:00 pm**

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Parents Reaching Out

**September 13**

*Next Steps to Success*

**En Suenos y Los Angelitos**

**Taos**

**10:00-12:00 pm**

Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**September 13**

*SSI and Waivers*

*1001 DW Broadway*

**Farmington**

**5:00-7:00 pm**

Click [here](#) for more information



**September 14-16**

**8:00am-5:00 pm**

**2016 Native American Conference on Special  
Education**

Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown

Click [here](#) for more information on how to register



Parents Reaching Out

**September 15**

*Family Support Group*

*Parents Reaching Out*

**6:00-7:30 pm**

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Parents Reaching Out

**September 16**

*Supplemental Security Income and Waivers  
Parents Reaching Out*

**10:00-12:00 pm**

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Parents Reaching Out

**September 19**

*Understanding the SAT Process: What Families  
Need to Know*

**Parents Reaching Out**

**10:00-12:00 pm**

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Parents Reaching Out

**September 19**

*Record Keeping Workshop (KIAT)*

**Roswell Adult Center**

**7:00-9:00 pm**

Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**September 20**

*Record Keeping Workshop (KIAT)*

**Roswell Adult Center**

**10:00-12:00 pm**

Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**September 22**

*Transitions Conference*  
**Las Cruces Convention Center**

**8:30-3:30 pm**

Click [here](#) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**September 22**

*Rio Grande Down Syndrome Network*  
**Anderson Abruzzo International Balloon  
Museum**

**Albuquerque**

**10:00-1:00 pm**

Click [here](#) for more information



**September 20-23**

*Meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee*

Click [here](#) for more information

For information, agendas and schedules of the other subcommittees in the month of September, click [here](#)



Parents Reaching Out

**September 26**

*Community Based Advocacy*

**Parents Reaching Out**

**10:00-12:00 pm**

Click [here](#) for more information



**September 29**

*Intro to ABA: Strategies for Persons with ASD*

**NMHU, SUB 322,**

**Las Vegas**

**8:30-3:30 pm**

Go to [cdd.unm.edu](http://cdd.unm.edu) for more information



**September 30**

*Visual Supports for Persons with ASD*

**NMHU, SUB 322,**

**Las Vegas**

**8:30-3:30 pm**

Go to [cdd.unm.edu](http://cdd.unm.edu) for more information



Parents Reaching Out

**September 29**

*Transitions Conference*

**San Juan College**

**Farmington**

**8:30-3:30 pm**

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Parents Reaching Out

**September 29**

*Record Keeping Workshop (KIAT)*

**Eunice Public Library**

**10:00-12:00 pm**

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Parents Reaching Out

September 29  
*Strategies for Supporting Your Struggling Reader*  
Eunice Public Library  
4:00-6:00 pm  
Click [here](#) for more information

## Disability News & Upcoming Events

Contact [Daniel](#) to include your news and events



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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
PLANNING COUNCIL



### Partners in Policymaking is now accepting applicants for their program

This leadership program for self-advocates, family members and professionals, is designed to teach various leadership and self-advocacy skills through monthly multiday seminars. The program is funded through the DDPC Federal Programs.

For more information, click [here](#).

### October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).

- Reflecting the important role disability plays in workforce diversity, this year's NDEAM theme is "#InclusionWorks."
- Click [here](#) for more information

### October is New Mexico's Disability History and Awareness Month (SJM17)

- Reflecting on the important role disability history plays currently in all aspect of community life.
- Click [here](#) for more information

**Save the Date: Southwest Conference on Disability  
October 5-7, 2016**

- The main theme of the conference is Reducing Disparities for People With Disabilities Through Systems Change
- Click [HERE](#) for more information



**Disability Rights New Mexico is looking for participant for two boards**

The first board is the Disability Rights New Mexico Board of Directors.  
The second board is for the Mental Health Advisory Council.  
For more information on these boards and to apply, go to [www.drn.org](http://www.drn.org)

**Center for  
Self Advocacy**

Exciting news and upcoming events at the **New Mexico Center for Self Advocacy**: [Keep up with our calendar of future events here.](#)

**The Center for Self Advocacy** has continued outreach to various schools. If you want **Center** staff to present at a school near you, contact Suzanne Kryder at [Suzanne.Kryder@state.nm.us](mailto:Suzanne.Kryder@state.nm.us) or 505-841-4571.

**Guardianship  
Program**

The **Guardianship Program** is a statewide, publicly funded guardianship services program for guardians of last resort for income and resource-eligible incapacitated adults.

The **Guardianship Program** provides guardians, legal services for court proceedings and even trained Mental Health Treatment Guardians. [Learn more about the essentials here.](#)

**Federal Program**

The **Federal Program** addresses five key areas including self-advocacy, education and early intervention, leadership/quality assurance, community action and support and employment.

The organizations funded through the **Federal Program** and others are supported by federal and state funding [Learn more here.](#)

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